

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2007-328-C - ORDER NO. 2008-91

FEBRUARY 14, 2008

IN RE: Petition of the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) for Implementation of 511 Service for Travel Information.) ORDER GRANTING) APPLICATION TO) IMPLEMENT THE 511) ABBREVIATED) DIALING CODE
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Application of the South Carolina Department of Transportation (“SCDOT” or “Applicant”) to implement the 511 abbreviated dialing code in South Carolina as ordered by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”). *In the Matter of Petition by the U.S. Department of Transportation for Assignment of an Abbreviated Dialing Code (N11) to Access Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Services Nationwide*, NSD-L-99-24, 15 F.C.C.R. 16,753, 15 FCC Rcd. 16,753, 21 Communications Reg. (P&F) 726 (July 31, 2000). In its Third Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, the FCC assigned the abbreviated dialing code 511 to be used for access to traveler information services. The FCC did not, however, specify how the 511 abbreviated dialing code was to be implemented, concluding that the various state public service commissions should retain jurisdiction over implementation of 511.

After docketing of this matter, petitions to intervene were filed on behalf of Verizon South, Inc., United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, the South Carolina Telephone Coalition, and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. On October 22, 2007, the

Commission's Docketing Department issued its Notice of Hearing and set forth dates for prefiled testimony and rebuttals. A Notice of Rescheduled Hearing was issued on January 2, 2008, establishing the hearing date as January 30, 2008.

SCDOT has statutory authority pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §57-3-110(3) to regulate traffic and travel on the state highway system and has asserted that it is the most appropriate agency to administer the 511 program. No other agency has expressed an interest in implementing or managing 511.

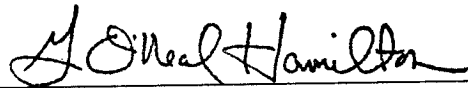
Tony S. Sheppard, the State Traffic Operations Engineer for SCDOT, has represented that it will be prepared to launch its 511 system in the fall of 2008. Sheppard's verified testimony indicates that the system will be a state-of-the-art information network that will provide real-time, route-specific information on all types of surface travel through landline and wireless telephones, and will allow commuters and travelers to make more efficient use of the State's transportation infrastructure through better informed choices as to where and when to travel.

All intervenors in this docket have now consented to an expedited ruling on this matter granting SCDOT's petition upon the understanding that previously filed tariffs for this service will not be affected by this Order.

Therefore, based upon the verified testimony of Tony S. Sheppard, and upon the consent of all of the intervenors to this docket, we grant the SCDOT's motion, designate 511 as the abbreviated dialing code for travel information in South Carolina, and designate the South Carolina Department of Transportation as the lead agency to administer the 511 service.

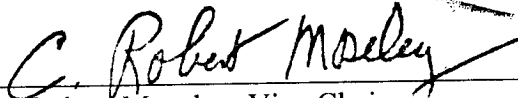
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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